

Docket No.: 163-667

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PATENT OPERATIONS**

In re Application of:                   )  
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**Marilena Gusmeroli et al.**            ) Group Art Unit:  
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For: COPPER SALTS OF ORGANIC ACIDS AND USE THEREOF AS  
FUNGICIDES

New York, NY 10036  
November 7, 2005

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